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AND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

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FOR SCICOUNS

1. CONFIRMING ROOT-LOEBNER TELCON, US IS EXPECTING TO
RECEIVE TAKOYEV OIL DELEGATION JUNE 5, SINCE US ASSUMPTION
SOVIETS WOULD WISH TO RECEIVE US OIL DELEGATION IN USSR
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BEFORE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WAS NOT A PRECONDITION

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TO OUR READINESS TO RECEIVE SOVDEL NOW.

2. US CANNOT RECEIVE SOVIET GAS DELEGATION IN JUNE BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF US GAS EXPERTS (COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH UK AND GERMANY TAKING PLACE THEN). EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATES FOR GAS VISIT IN US WOULD BE JULY 6-20 (ALTERNATIVE AUGUST 17-31). US SUGGESTS SEPT. 14-28 FOR RETURN VISIT TO USSR. NEAL DUNNING OF ERDA WILL HEAD US GAS DELEGATION. OTHER DETAILS FOLLOW IN SEPTEL.

3. SOVIETS INFORMED US COAL DELEGATION WHICH VISITED USSR

IN APRIL THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT US UNTIL JAN. OR FEB. 1976 BUT THAT THEY WISHED TO REVIEW US SUGGESTIONS ON AREAS OF COOPERATION BEFORE NEXT JC MEETING (US SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW IN SEPTEL). SOVIETS THUS GAVE IMPRESSION OF READINESS TO REVIEW COAL TOPICS IN JC IN ADVANCE OF RECIPROCAL VISIT OF SOVIET COAL DEL TO US, PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY ARE ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH US WORK IN THIS FIELD TO JOIN IN RECOMMENDATIONS TO JC BEFORE VISITING US. (US OIL AND GAS EXPERTS DO NOT FEEL SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET WORK TO JOIN IN RECOMMENDATIONS TO JC BEFORE VISITING USSR; BUT, IF THEY STILL FEEL THIS WAY AFTER RECEIVING SOVIETS IN US, THEY CAN MAKE THE POINT AT THAT TIME AND IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO REPEAT REFRAIN TO SOVIETS NOW.)

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO SOVIETS:

A) US WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOVIET RESPONSE TO US SUGGESTIONS FOR (1) JUNE 30 INFO AND FORECASTING VISIT TO USSR; (2) DATES FOR RECIPROCAL GAS VISITS PER PARA 2 ABOVE.

B) US WILLING TO WAIT FOR FIRST VISIT OF EACH OF FOUR GROUPS OF TEMPORARY EXPERTS BEFORE DECIDING DEFINITIVELY WHETHER RECIPROCAL VISIT ESSENTIAL BEFORE THAT TOPIC IS DISCUSSED AT JC.
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C) SINCE IT APPEARS THAT NOT EVEN FIRST VISITS COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE LATE JULY, JC MEETING IN JULY DOES NOT SEEM PRACTICAL. US WOULD APPRECIATE SOVIET VIEWS ON TIMING AND AGENDA NEXT JC MEETING. INGERSOLL

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